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Dear Bill,

I've just gone over the Belin-Cooper correspondence. I continue to be imprrssed that as bright a man as Cooper was, and much time as he put in on Commission work in his own office, he, like Connally, did not understand the evidence well enough to realize that what each was convinced of nullified the lone-assassin theory.

With both it is the single-bullet theory they did not buy, for different reasons and for the same reason. Russell also had that reason.

Although it seems like the simplest arithmeteic, Copper was not aware that if Connally was not hit by the bullet that hit Kennedy there had to be in even the Commission's impossible claim that Oswald could have fired those three, there had to have been a fourth bullet and that certainly meant another shooter.

For his lack of understanding of this simple thing the staff gets full credit. Probably mostly Specter.

The same is, of course, true of Connally. He heard the bullet, rather a shot, and that could not have been the shot that hit him.

I've separate the correspondence into with Belin and with HSCA and others for filing.

Belin was Posner-like in responding to Cooper, who had some doubts about no one being seen on the knoll. The question was not at all was anyone seen but was there evidence of any shooting from there and there is that evidence that was ignored.

Belin also lied in telling ~~that~~ him that the gunman was seen in that sixth-floor window.

Belin's letters to GSA/Archives and the Colby at the CIA are self-serving because he knew they'd not agree to disclose what they withheld. Phony Judenrat! He also was careful not to send Cooper the responses he got from what you sent. Also the kind of guy he is.

And he is so rigid in his phony self-presentation he even referred to himself as he does in public as a private citizen from Iowa.

The brochure on the shooting was interesting. He put much time and effort into it.

Many thanks and best to you both,

Harold